



March 23, 2010

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Federal Communications Commissioners:

Arizona has been hit harder by the recession than most states. Our leadership in state government **has taken steps to address the issue, but it's going to take a long time to fully** recover from the current economic hard times.

It is in that context that we are writing to you to express our deep concerns about implementing proposed Net Neutrality rules on wireless and wireline broadband service providers.

**Under a basically "hands-off" government** approach to the Internet, the broadband providers – plus a host of software and hardware manufacturers and other firms in the supply chain – have made the Internet the thriving success it is today.

The wireline and wireless broadband providers alone invested billions last year in broadband infrastructure – five times the amount spent by the federal government on broadband or proposed under the stimulus broadband program. Furthermore, **according to the FCC's** Broadband Task Force, billions more will need to be spent in order to make broadband universally available to everyone.

These are incredible numbers that beg the question: Will broadband providers continue making this level of investment under the collar of new or additional government rules and oversight?



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We know you have heard similar concerns from many organizations, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers and – closer to home – the Governor of Arizona and Sen. John McCain.

All are concerned that **the FCC's call for increased government management of the Internet under the guise of "Network Neutrality" will discourage** private investment.

We respectfully urge you to move cautiously as you contemplate rulemaking that would regulate the Internet and **undermine progress we're** trying to make in providing growth, innovation and jobs for consumers and businesses statewide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Hamer".

Glenn Hamer  
President and CEO

CC: Senator John McCain  
Senator Jon Kyl  
Congressman Jeff Flake  
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